Deteriorating condition of C.P.

2225. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware of the deteriorating condition of Delhi's landmark C.P. or Rajiv Chowk;

(b) whether there has been encroachment on large scale in C.P. and what action has been taken to restore and revive C.P.; and

(c) whether there is a proposal to declare Rajiv Chowk as a heritage area with restrictions on any modifications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT(SHRI AJAY MAKEN):(a) and (b) New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has prepared a proposal for restoration of Rajiv Chowk as per its original plan. The proposal for restoration of 'C' Block of Rajiv Chowk as a pilot project has been submitted to Delhi Urban Art Commission (DUAC) and Heritage Conservation Committee. NDMC has reported that Rajiv Chowk area is almost encroachment free.

(c) NDMC has reported that Rajiv Chowk has been included in the list of heritage buildings in the NDMC area. Some modifications in the buildings in Rajiv Chowk shall be permitted with the approval of Heritage Conservation Committee and DUAC.

Khanna Committee for additions/alterations

2226. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1919 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th March, 2006 and state:

(a) the recommendations of Khanna Committee for dealing with additions/alterations in DDA flats which do not fall within the DDA guidelines;

(b) the extent to which it is structurally safe, if top floor allottees add half to full floor and the middle floor occupants build galleries projecting side ways;

(c) the steps Government propose to take to stop forthwith the trend; and

(d) the manner in which Government propose to deal with such

existing structures and ensure that the additions/alterations are minimum/ structurally safe, within strict parameters and not driven by greed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) While suggesting a feasible strategy to deal with issues involved in unauthorized construction in various residential categories in general, Tejendra Khanna Committee Report has observed that structural safety aspect has to be particularly kept in mind in relation to Cooperative Group Housing Flats and DDA flats.

(c) and (d) The policy and procedure for permission and regularisation of additions/alterations in DDA flats already provides for three categories of additions/alterations namely those that are condonable, permitted with intimation/permission and additional coverage permitted with prior permission. The violations of these guidelines/ instructions are liable for action under the relevant laws.

Development proposals for Gole Market area

†2227. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received any proposals for providing free of cost tiles/safety doors/kota stones/good quality paints on the outer walls etc. in Government quarters at Sector-IV DIZ area, Gole Market, New Delhi during the year 2005;

(b) if so, the action being taken by Government thereon;

(c) whether any estimate has been submitted under phase-II for the development of open space near Samaj Sadan in the said area; and

(d) the details of the schemes of Government for the beautification of the area in view of 2010 Commonwealth Games?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Request for providing various amenities free of cost in Government quarters are received. Work of upgradation of old quarters, including those located in Sector-4 DIZ Area, is carried out as per Government policy, when the quarters fall vacant. Face lifting of exteriors of Government quarters is also being carried out in a phased manner.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.